

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: PARK BOARD

Agenda Item #: VI. C.

From: Ann Kattreh, Director
Parks & Recreation Department

Date: February 12, 2013

Subject: Yorktown Park Pilot Community Garden Parking

Action ☐

Discussion ☒

Information ☐

Action Requested:

Staff asks the Park Board to discuss their interest in adding a 30 – 40 stall parking lot at Yorktown Park. This parking lot would be funded entirely by the YMCA and would be a shared use lot for the YMCA and the City of Edina.

Information / Background:

After the January Park Board meeting staff met with Greg Hanks, YMCA District Executive Director to discuss partnership options with the YMCA on the Yorktown Park Community Garden. We specifically requested the use of their parking lot and restrooms for community garden participants. Programming and educational partnerships were also discussed. Mr. Hanks asked if the City would consider a partnership for a parking lot on City of Edina property at Yorktown Park. The YMCA has a significant parking problem, with their front lot being undersized for the needs of their members many times during the day. Mr. Hanks is concerned about allowing more users of their parking lot, when they already have significant issues with parking. He asked if the City would consider a partnership in which we provide the land and they pay to build and maintain a parking lot.

I have attached a very rough diagram of where a parking lot would be located. This has interesting potential for our park. We currently have no parking at this park, which certainly limits its use. Also, this parking lot could serve as a trail head for the proposed Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail, which will run on the northern border of the park.

This proposal significantly alters a portion of this park. It also adds a non-permeable surface in our Park and in close proximity to a storm water retention pond in neighboring Richfield's Adams Hill Park. Watershed District approval would be required.

If the Park Board determines potential interest in this option, staff would work with the City Engineering Department to develop a site plan and Watershed District plan and work with the

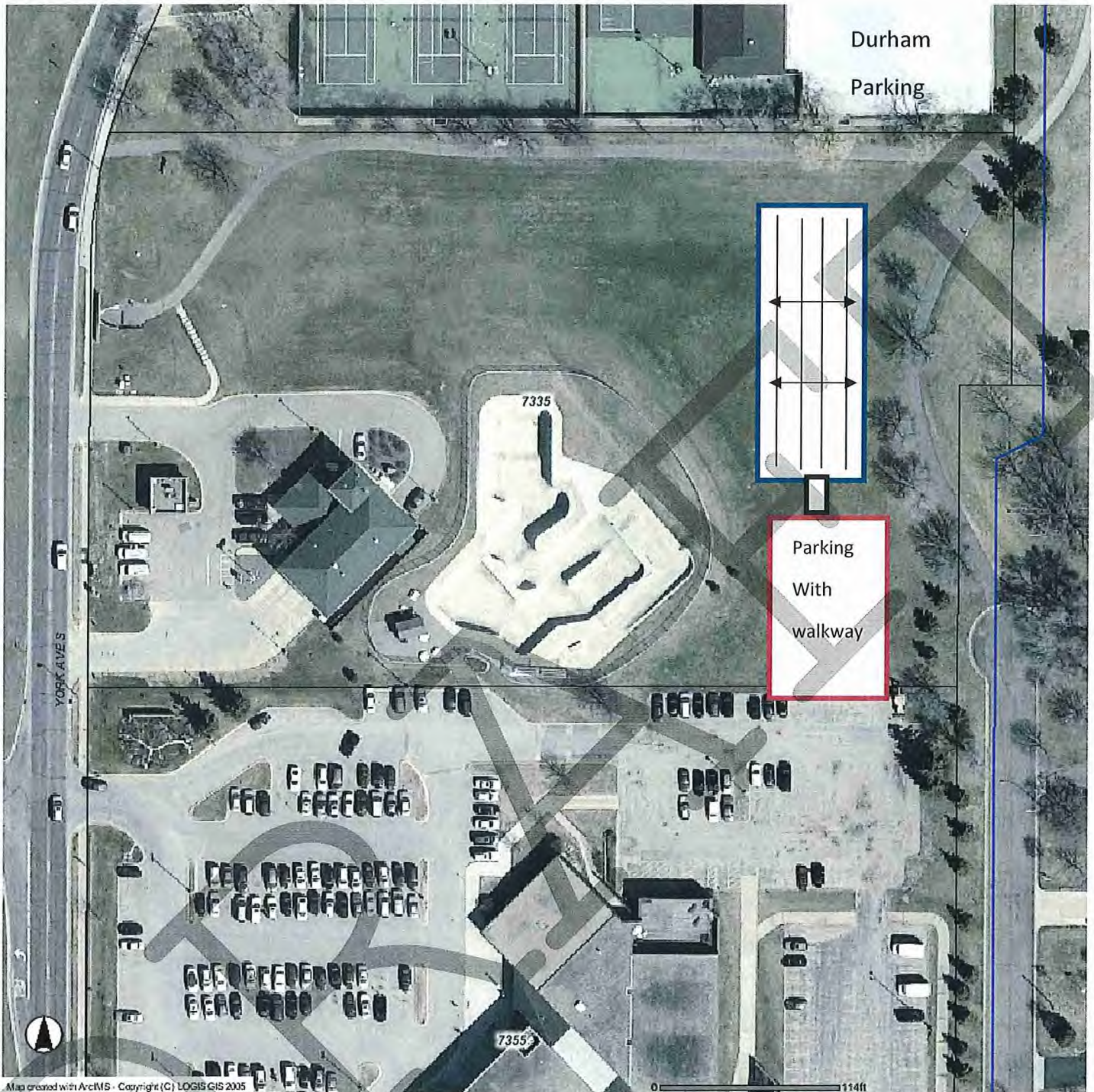
YMCA to develop a formal proposal. Staff would then do a mailing to residents living within 1000 feet of the proposed gardens at Yorktown Park and the Park Board would hold a Public Hearing on March 12th, 2013. If recommended by the Park Board, City Council approval would be sought for the entire project on April 2nd, 2013.

Staff considered the Durham Apartments as another parking option for the Yorktown Community Gardens. Durham management stated that they will be doing some construction this summer and the parking lot will be utilized for that project. They also expressed concern that they have capacity issues as well and would be hesitant to enter into a shared use agreement. Another drawback to this option is that it is further removed from the Community Garden and participants would be required to haul tools and supplies across the Nine Mile Regional Trail in order to get to the garden plots.

If the Park Board is not interested in pursuing a new parking lot at Yorktown Park, staff will pursue shared use of the YMCA parking lot and the rest of the community garden schedule would proceed as previously stated.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Yorktown Park DRAFT Site Plan



*Parking Lot—red box—40 stalls max.

*Garden Plot—4 garden rows, each 10' wide; 3' between rows; 3—4' around perimeter.

*Garden will be surrounded by black vinyl coated fencing

*There is a pathway not shown on this 2009 Logis Map. It follows the east edge of the skate park. Also, the walkway on the north edge has been widened and improved with Promenade construction.

Gardens = approximately 185' X 75'. We will need space for a water buffalo container.